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of Protection Path into Working Path

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**FIRST RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated February 27, 2004 in the patent application identified above, please reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.